

TRIO REBEKAHS HOLD FRIENDSHIP EVENING

Friendship evening Wednesday was enjoyable for members of Trio Rebekah Lodge when they met in Presbyterian Church hall, Lomita. Mrs. Anna May Isbell, noble grand, presided and introduced the visitors from nearby lodges, including Eureka, Angeles Mesa and Paloma; Los Angeles, Del Mar, Wide Awake, and 360, Long Beach; Silver Wave, Santa Monica; Silver Crest, Redondo Beach; Ocean Queen, San Pedro; Compton from that city and Nita Dena, Gardena. Other guests were the state president from Arkansas, Mrs. Coverly; and "Mother" Elizabeth Tappin, past president from Arizona. District deputy presidents attending were Mrs. Lockridge, Long Beach; and Mrs. Rupp, Santa Monica; Mrs. Olive Veatch, Lomita. The refreshment tables were decorated in a Valentine motif and the girls were presented with hand crocheted miniature spring hat pin cushions as favors. Refreshments also were in the Valentine theme. Mrs. Margie Russell, as chairman, was assisted by Lola Neeson, Marshall Tappin, Dorothy Rogers, Anna Rollman, Nettie Taylor, Elizabeth Hunt, Mary Ulmer, Edith Merriott and Belva Brase.

Mrs. Diffie Honored by Normont PTA

Mrs. Vernon Diffie, first president of Normont PTA, was honored on Founder's Day, celebrated Tuesday afternoon by that association in the school.

Following a brief talk, she was presented with a corsage. Mrs. Don Wolf, president of Lomita-San Pedro PTA Council, also was introduced and presented with a corsage. She stressed cooperation in the PTA program for, she stated, without it the organization cannot continue.

Mrs. Max Garren took a collection, which will be used for State PTA extension work. Mrs. Robert Finley introduced the program.

A skit, titled "The Four Cornerstones," told the story of the national organization. Cast in the playlet were Mesdames Dwayne Byerley, Fred Geisser, Harry Ainsworth, M. Belkin, McClure and Donald Gustin.

Also on the program was a Mexican dance by Romalie Ponce. Dr. Reiman, school dentist, showed a film and gave a short talk on the care of teeth.

A nominating committee was named to include Mesdames James Lakken, Claude Fields, Edgar Greene, E. Wager and Principal J. Wear Pearson.

With Mrs. Garren presiding, the group voted to continue sponsorship of the Camp Fire Girls.

Mrs. Charles Hellstrom made the beautiful Founder's Day cake, and mothers of the fourth grade pupils were hostesses.

Mrs. Fred Conner and Mrs. Lakken were in charge of the decorations which followed St. Valentine's Day and Founder's Day motifs.

luncheon chairman and Edna Babcock, president, will conduct the business session.

Plans are under way for a 75 cent merchants lunch in the Temple on Thursday, February 23 from 11 until 2 o'clock.

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GRAND GUARDIAN VISITS . . . Mrs. Evelyn P. Finley, grand guardian, State of California, International Order of Job's Daughters, was honored Tuesday evening when Torrance Bethel 50, Lomita Bethel 137, and Gardena Bethel 112, combined to receive her in Torrance Masonic Temple. Shown with the grand officer are the honored queens of the three Bethels left to right, Miss Ruth Wolford, Gardena; Miss Pat Clere, Torrance, and Miss Barbara Hamilton, Lomita. Staff photo.

THREE BETHELS HONOR THEIR GRAND OFFICER

Miss Evelyn Finley, of San Francisco, who is grand guardian of Job's Daughters, State of California, was guest of honor at a meeting held in Masonic Temple on Tuesday evening, February 7. Three Bethels, Torrance, Lomita and Gardena, combined to pay their respects to Mrs. Finley and other notables in Bethel circles.

Among these were the only supreme officer, Mr. Leon Larsen, of Wilmington; district deputy, Mrs. Nellie Montague, Miss Beverly Luster, senior princess of Torrance Bethel and grand treasurer, and Miss Mary Williams, guide of ardena Bethel and grand librarian, all of whom were presented and introduced as were present and past honored queens, junior and senior princesses and guardians.

Miss Pat Clere, Torrance honored queen, presided at the meeting and each of the three Bethels participated in the initiatory work.

Initiates were: Misses Donna Rae Thomas, Mary Ann Kolp, Ann May Beck of Gardena; Velma Wright, Dalene Bau-champ, Karen Pederson, Elizabeth Bauerle and Carol Ann Power, Lomita, from Torrance; Donna Mae Rose, Marietta Jo Houston, Miss Edna Sandstrom, junior princess of Lomita Bethel sang, "Romance," as a tribute to the grand guardian.

Refreshments were served in the dining room. Promoters of hospitality of the three Bethels, headed by Mrs. Rolve Bever of Torrance, served from tables decorated in Valentine motif. Officers of the Bethels presided at the punch bowls.

Decorations in Masonic Temple were Valentine trees, hearts and cupid. The grand guardian, Mrs. Finley, was presented with a sheath of red carnations which she carried during the evening and the guardians of the three Bethels wore red carnation corsages.

Others welcomed this week were Mesdames Albert Posner, J. A. Barrington, Thomas Saine, B. L. Easley, Robert Hoag, William Kuchs, John V. Agapito, Milo Reed, Gilbert J. Derouin, Charles W. Stock, Clara A. Conner, O. A. Kresse, Mabel Tefau, E. Crisman, W. F. Bartholomew and Misses Helen Lockwood and Rebecca Tuck.

A large attendance marked the meeting of the Redondo Area branch of the American Begonia Society Friday night, with 15 Lomitans in attendance.

Mrs. Birtie Nichol, speaker of the evening, talked on the culture of begonias and beautiful colored slides were shown.

Refreshments were furnished by the Lomita members of the branch.

Following the fly-up all members of Troop 698 received world pins. Members receiving year pins were Maurine Bradford, Patricia Bregar, Peggy Clouch, Nancy Humphreys, Joy Jolly, Betty Ann Kastrop, Sylvia Miller, Virginia Montez, Catherine Derickson, Jofran Rubio, Linda Thistle, Judy Van-

derpool and Connie Walton. Those receiving second class badges were Linda Thistle, Nancy Humphreys, Catherine Derickson, Patty Bregar, Jofran Rubio, Betty Ann Kastrop and Connie Walton.

Several other badges were presented in a Court of Awards to Connie Walton, including journalist, drawing and painting and garden flower; Jofran Rubio, and Betty Ann Kastrop were awarded group musician badges.

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Gail Gowdey Winner of Gold Medal

Miss Gail Gowdey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gale Gowdey of 110 W. 252nd street, Harbor City won the Gold Medal at the Temperance Speech Contest at the Lomita Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Frances Schlenker, president of the Lomita branch of the W.C.T.U., presided and announced the program. Miss Grace Crank played an organ medley and Beth Schlenker and Flora Hammetman presented two duet selections.

Judges were Jack Weber, Mrs. Carey Newton and Leroy Young with Mr. Young presenting the medal.

Five contestants entered. Miss Gowdey is now eligible to enter the contest for a pearl medal.

War Mothers Plan Charter

American War Mothers met Wednesday in City Hall council chambers to plan for organization of a new chapter to embrace Torrance and the surrounding communities.

Present at the pre-organization meeting were Mrs. Julia Wagner, of Long Beach, national vice president; Mrs. B. Burdick, of Long Beach, state membership committee chairman; and Mrs. Emma Wolfe, state treasurer.

The Torrance chapter will be formed shortly, ready for official business, and the charter will remain open for a short period after it is received, so that any mother joining may have her signature as a "charter" member, it was announced.

WSCS Playlet Presented at Monthly Meet

Highlighting the monthly meeting of Torrance Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service held Thursday in the church parlors was a playlet, "Hoops, Hobbles, and Slacks," presented by Mesdames M. M. Schwab, Grover C. VanDeventer, John King, and Earl Robinson.

Monologues by the cast, who wore authentic costumes of those eras, showed changes in women's status and were enthusiastically received by a large audience.

Camp Fire Girls Tell Activities

Instead of their regular Friday afternoon meeting, members of Tandra Okiki Camp Fire Girls enjoyed a skating party at Lavendale. Included in the party were 65 Camp Fire Girls and their friends.

Another recent activity of the group was their appearance before a Shoestring Association meeting when several of the group outlined duties of Camp Fire Girls and displayed crafts which they had made during fall and winter meetings.

Plans for a Valentine party were completed last week by the girls as they made surprise Valentine gifts for their parents. The Nosaye Camp Fire Girls will join in the festivities.

Orchestra Rehearsals

The new harbor symphony orchestra begins rehearsals in the music room of Harbor Technical College under the direction of Robert Resta.

Rehearsals will continue every Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. Those interested in trying out for the orchestra are invited to call TE 3-1473 for further information.

Symphony to Play With Festival

The San Pedro Symphony Orchestra has been selected to play with the All-Los Angeles Music Festival sponsored by the Adult Education Department of the Los Angeles City Schools.

Alyse Ahle, director of the orchestra, also has been chosen to direct the Music Festival. Rehearsals are held Monday evenings at the San Pedro High School at 7:30 o'clock, and all musicians interested in symphonic music are invited to join the group.

A group of 30 musicians chosen from the orchestra, was presented on a Long Beach radio station Saturday afternoon, Feb. 4, under the baton of Miss Ahle.

'JAPAN' TOPIC AT TEA

The W.S.C.S. of the Wayside Chapel will present Mrs. Charles Rowland of Long Beach as guest speaker for the monthly tea on Feb. 23 at the church.

Her subject will be "Japan." A missionary for 21 years in that country, the speaker, although now retired is constantly entertaining missionaries, keeping abreast of conditions in the Far East.

Mrs. Cora Coates of San Pedro will be soloist.

Carrying out the new procedure for the tea hour, when a mother and her daughter act as hostesses, Mrs. Max Schatz and Mrs. Paul Thacker will preside over the tea table. This arrangement will continue until Mother's Day when the society will hold a Mother and Daughter breakfast.

The society is making extensive plans to increase its membership by organizing a drive taking for its quota every woman in the church.

MRS. ERICSON ASKS FRIENDS TO VISIT HER

Mrs. Christine Ericson has been moved from a rest home in Gardena to the Ingham Guest Home at 1957 Carson street. She says she is very comfortable and well cared for, but would like to have her friends visit her. Visiting hours in the morning are from 10:30 to 11:30 and in the afternoon from 3:00 to 4:30, she states.

Swim Classes

Three YWCA-sponsored swimming classes are now open to women in the harbor area. These classes are held at the YMCA pool at 9th and Beacon Streets in San Pedro.

An evening class for beginning and advanced swimmers is being held on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Florence Pincus, instructor. The morning classes are held on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:15 to 11:45, and are open to all women.

The fee for eight lessons is \$2 plus YWCA membership of \$1.50 a year or 50 cents for four months. The charge for one swim is 60 cents. Bring your own suit and towel. For further information call the San Pedro YWCA, TE 2-7253.

Cunninghams Entertain Family Group

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cunningham entertained at an enjoyable family dinner party Sunday in their Reynosa Drive home. The affair was given to honor Mrs. Barbara Blerden of Minneapolis, sister of Mrs. Regina Cunningham, who arrived recently.

In addition to the honor guest, and Mrs. Regina Cunningham, dinner guests included Mr. and Mrs. Donald Milligan of Monterey Park, and Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Cunningham of Harbor City.

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